

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 8 through 11 with the following amended paragraph:

At step 502, while idle flags are detected by the idle detect module 274 (Figure 2), the deframer 234 (Figure 2) drops the idle flags. The idle flags are not forwarded over the VoIP connection and the deframer ~~232~~ 234 forwards no data packets. Processing continues with step 506.